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Sir:

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Each of the listed documents was previously submitted to the Office as part of an Information Disclosure Statement complying with 37 CFR 1.98 (a) through (c) in prior application Serial No. 09/398,377, which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC 120. Therefore, copies of these documents are not being supplied because 37 CFR 1.98(d) states that copies of such document(s) need not be provided.

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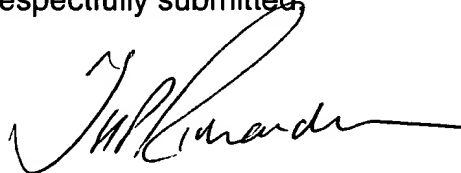
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The undersigned certifies under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and that, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Disclosure statement. It is believed, therefore, that no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee for consideration of this Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 (Sheldon & Mak).

It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and the MPEP. If the some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.H.P. Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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